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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 136
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Ray Sinor on being selected to receive the Outstanding National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Member Award for 2001.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray Sinor is one such exemplary citizen; he has been selected to receive the Outstanding National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Member Award for 2001; and

WHEREAS, the award is given in recognition of volunteer achievement on behalf of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and to honor long and distinguished service to the entire NAMI family; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sinor has worked for more than twenty years to improve community-based care for people with serious and persistent mental illness; and

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WHEREAS, he has provided invaluable service to NAMI on both the state and national levels, and he has at times even given shelter and care to mentally ill, homeless people in his own home; and

WHEREAS, he is a founding member of the Chattanooga and Tennessee Alliance for the Mentally Ill, for which he served as president for three years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Alliance for the Mentally Ill (TAMI) affiliates increased to twenty-five during his presidency, and it was under his leadership that one of the best Tennessee Public Law 99-660 plans was developed, involving a continuum of community-based services in every area; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sinor participated in the appropriation of funds for a \$340,000 grant for developing rural affiliates; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by the Governor to chair the P.L. 99-660 Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Master Plan Implementation Committee for five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sinor served as vice-president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's State President's Advisory Council, and he was appointed to an eight-year term on the Department MH/MR Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Alliance for the Mentally Ill received the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Outstanding Advocacy Award while under the leadership of Ray Sinor; and

WHEREAS, as stated by a Chattanooga Alliance for the Mentally Ill Member, "Ray is involved in every single phase of planning and monitoring the mental health system of care. A leader who has character, knowledge of the issues, commitment to the cause and the ability to motivate, Ray has given us something greater than programs, beds, housing, support groups or leadership. He has given us hope"; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator James R. Sasser said of Mr. Sinor, "[He] provided dynamic leadership and advocacy for the mentally ill in Tennessee," and Governor Ned

McWherter stated, "Ray Sinor is one of the most determined and effective advocates that I have observed during my years of public service"; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sinor epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Ray Sinor for his unfaltering dedication to serving the mentally ill of Tennessee, as well as the rest of the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Ray Sinor for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being selected to receive the Outstanding National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Member Award for 2001, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.